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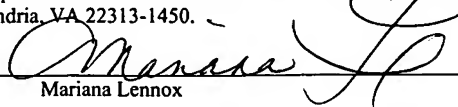
**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 10, 2007, in this application. This response is being filed within the third month after the three-month shortened statutory period for response set in the Action. A separate Petition and requisite fee for a three-month extension of time are submitted herewith. Please charge any additional fee due to deposit account no. 50-0573.

Amendments to the Specification begin on Page 2 of this paper.  
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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